in Rajya Sabha Unstarred question 684 answered on 16th November, 1988.

Repair of railway bridge in Bhadrak-Kharagpur section

60. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the bridge at Nuagan-Mayurbhanj Road Passenger Halt on Western side of railway line of Bhadrak-Kharagpur Section of Kharagpur Railway Division has been completely damaged and is causing danger to the railway traffic; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken for its repair/ reconstruction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The bridge referred to is a small culvert, located on the kutcha pathway leading to the level crossing, and is repaired as and when necessary.

Special mobile task force for ticketless passengers and chain pullers

61. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have deployed special mobile task force in the areas where the incidence of ticketless travelling and chain pullings are unusually high;

(b) if so, which are the areas where such incidents are high and what steps have been taken in this regard; and

(c) what is the number of persons caught in those areas during the last two years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, regular ticket checking squads exercise greater vigilance where incidence of ticketless travel and unauthorised alarm chain pulling is high. Statements of sections with high ticketless travelling and chain pulling are attached. [*See* Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 5]

(c) Area-wise figures are not maintained. 126.92 lakh persons were detected travelling without ticket or with improper ticket and 1979 were apprehended for unauthorised chain pulling during the last two years on the Railways.

Progress in the setting up of sambalpur railway division

62. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has been made so far in the setting up of Sambalpur Railway Division; and

(b) by when it is likely to be set up?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) Construction work of offices and quarters is in progress. Staff and Officers are being posted at Sambalpur as per requirements. The time by which the division will become fully operational will depend upon the availability of resources.

Survey of rail line from Khurdha road Bolangir via Phulabani in Orissa

63. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to reconsider the proposals to undertake the survey of some railway lines in the country; and